

FISCAL NOTE

SB 519 - HB 1120

March 27, 2003

SUMMARY OF BILL: Amends current law to allow a father of a child born out of wedlock to avoid liability for child support until he knew or should have known he is the father. Liability could also begin when he receives service of process for a petition of paternity, but liability cannot be for more than three years of retroactive child support.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Decrease State Revenues - Exceeds \$100,000

The Department of Human Services receives revenue from child support collections due custodial parents who receive Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (Families First) benefits. Limiting the liability of child support obligors will reduce revenue to custodial parents and to DHS for reimbursement of TANF expenditures. Also, the Department of Children's Services will have decrease in revenues from child support for children in state custody. The amount cannot be determined but is estimated to exceed \$100,000.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



James A. Davenport, Executive Director

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